

Docket No. 1238DIV

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James F. McGuckin, Jr., et al

Serial No: To be assigned Examiner: Phan  
(Division of 10/011,345)

Filed: Herewith Group Art Unit:

For: **VASCULAR DEVICE WITH VALVE FOR  
APPROXIMATING VESSEL WALL**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as set forth below. Claims 18-24 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-17 and 25-30 remain in this application. Also, page 1, paragraph 1 of the specification should be amended as set forth below.